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On page 1, please delete the first sentence immediately following the title, and replace it with the following new sentence:

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This is a 35 U.S.C. §371 application of International Application No. PCT/US98/03337 filed February 20, 1998, now inactive, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§120 and 365 to non-provisional application U.S. Serial No. 08/804,444 filed on February 21, 1997, now granted a U.S. Patent No. 6,117,980, and to its continuation-in-part application U.S. Serial No. 09/012,116 filed on January 22, 1998, now abandoned, of which the present application is a continuation.

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 131, line 5 with the following new paragraph:

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The following biological materials have been deposited with the American Type Culture Collection, 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, VA 20110-2209, USA (ATCC):

In the Claims:

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14. (Amended) The conjugate of claim 12, wherein the antibody fragment comprises a heavy chain and a light chain corresponding to a portion of a parental antibody, wherein in the portion of the parental antibody the heavy and light chains are covalently linked by a disulfide bond between a cysteine residue in the light chain and a cysteine residue in the heavy chain, wherein in the antibody fragment the cysteine residue in the light or heavy chain is substituted with another amino acid and the cysteine residue in the opposite chain is covalently linked to a nonproteinaceous polymer molecule.

Remarks/Arguments

The foregoing amendments in the specification and claims are of formal nature, and do not add new matter. Claims 1-34 are pending in this application. Claims 35-52 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-34 stand rejected on various grounds.

Drawings